last six months period, 248 unauthorised vendors have been apprehended on this section and Rs. 18,59<y- recovered from them.

Rail projects of Madhya Pradesh

† 3139. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of rail project proposals received from Madhya Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the steps taken on each proposal; whether any proposal has been accepted; if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of improvement and extension work commenced by Government in Madhya Pradesh during the aforesaid period, year-wise;

(d) the details of amount spent on these works during the above period; and

(e) the reasons behind slow pace of completion of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Planning of Railways services or projects is made keeping a national perspective in view and taking an integrated view of traffic demands as well as of System requirements. Geographical boundaries of a state do not form a criterion for taking investment decisions. However, proposals relating to Railway projects, received from the Government of Madhya Pradesh in the last three years and action taken are given below:—

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Year	Proposal	Action Taken
1998-99	Expediting the execution of:	
	Bilaspur-Urkura: 3rd Line	Final location survey for Bilaspur to Bhatapara has been completed. Contracts for bridges and ballast have been awarded. Work of earthwork, minor bridges and ballast are in progress.
	Akaltara-Champa: 3rd Line	Akaltara-Naila (16 km) completed. Naila-Hasdeo (7 km) completed, except the Hasdeo bridge which will be completed by December 2001.
	Urkura-Raipur-Sarona: Doubling	Work completed and commissioned.
1999-2000	New Line from Ramganj Mandi to Bhopal.	This work has been included in the Railway Budget 2000-01.
	New Line from Khandwa to Dahod	Government of MP has been approached for financing the proposed line.
2000-01	Expediting the Gauge Conversion of Jabalpur-Gondia, including including Balaghat-Katangi	Final location survey from Gondia to Balaghat Balaghat-Katangi has been completed including geo-technical investigations of major bridges. The survey between Balaghat-Jabalpur is in progress. Land has been acquired upto Balaghat. Formation work, bridge work and ballast supply are in progress between Gondia and Balaghat.

(c) to (e) In the aforesaid period, Railways have sanctioned doubling of Korba-Gevra Road section (now in Chhattishgarh) in 1998-99 at a cost of Rs. 33 Crores. Outlay expected on this work to the end of 2000-01 is Rs. 19.1222 Crores and Outlay proposed for 2001-02 is Rs. 12 Crores. Work from Gevra to Kusumunda (3 Kms.) is expected to be completed in December 2001.

Railways have also sanctioned the construction of a new line from Ramganj Mandi to Bhopal at a cost of Rs. 425 Crores in 2000-01 Budget. The Expected Outlay on this work to the end of 2000-01 is Rs. 5 Lakhs. An outlay of Rs. 5 Crores has been proposed for this work in 2001-02. Final Location Survey for the work is being taken up. The work is being progressed as per availability of resources.

Railway Line from New Moynaguri to Jogighopa

3140. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has decided finally to build the alternate rail line from New Moynaguri to Jogighopa *via* Dhulini, Bilasipar, to cater to the need of insurgency torn Assam; and

(b) if so, the time frame to complete it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes Sir. However, the new line from New Moynaguri to Jogighopa will be *via* Dhubri and Biiasipara.

(b) No target date has been fixed.

Revision cases of Railway pensioners

3141. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether revision of cases of pre-1986 Railway pensioners of Ferozpur Division, including ASMs retired in 1980, have been pending since 1998;

(b) if so, the number of such cases;